

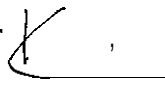


The City of Lynchburg, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM # 2

TO: City Council

FROM: L. Kimball Payne, III, City Manager 

DATE: June 25 2002

SUBJ: City/School Leadership Meeting

I understand that at the last City/School Leadership meeting, the regularly scheduled meeting of July 8 was cancelled. Since then, a reason has arisen to have the meeting.

The school administration is preparing an application for a Federal grant through the Early Reading First Program. The goal of that program is "to improve the school readiness of our nation's young children, especially those from low-income families, by providing support for early childhood education programs serving preschool age children so they may become centers of educational excellence." Up to fifty (50) grants, in the range of \$250,000 to \$1.5 million (average of \$450,000) per year for a three year period, will be made. As envisioned for Lynchburg, the grant could serve up to 200 four to five year old children.

Although the grant requires no local match, there will need to be a plan for program continuation, if successful, beyond the three year grant period. Accordingly, there may be the need to include a letter of commitment from the City in the grant application. The initial application is due July 15, with a full application from selected school systems due in October.

Further details of this grant opportunity will be discussed at the City/School Leadership meeting on July 8 in the school administration building. The plan would be to brief the full City Council on July 9.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

cc: Jim McCormick
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